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## DEATH OF THE 61ST CONGRESS.

The Unexpected Occurs and Democrats Quietly Submit to the Vote of Thanks

To Speaker Reed, Which is Passed Amid Scenes of Great Enthusiasm.

## AN UNPRECEDENTED SCENE OCCURS.

The Speaker Receives an Ovation Such as no Other Speaker Ever Received.

The Republican Members and the People Grow Wild in Their Cheering.

## THE HALLS OF CONGRESS RESOUND

With Songs—The Press Gang Drowns the Voices With "Home Sweet Home."

"Doxology" Sung by the Democrats. Speaker Reed Moved to Tears—His Farewell Address—The Closing Scenes of a Remarkable Congress.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Few members of either House or Senate closed their eyes last night. A few members of both bodies stood out and spent a few hours in bed, but for the most part, the full membership of both houses remained in their places. As the morning hours wore along, there was a distinct mark of sleepiness visible on almost every face. The Senate took a recess at daylight until 9 o'clock, and the members thus got a little rest to be prepared for the closing hours of the session.

Towards morning the corridors were well cleared, and the galleries were almost deserted. In the Senate chamber the floor was covered with scraps of paper, cigar ashes and butts, and the debris that accumulates from a long, interrupted session. There was a decided tendency to be hilarious in the House, but the Speaker remained serene throughout it all, and rapped for order regularly with a firm hand.

As the day advanced a little, there were more signs of life outside of the halls. The restaurants filled up with members who had stolen away during the night, and who were coming in to take part in the last acts of the Fifty-first Congress. The corridors and galleries began to fill up with the moribund crowd that usually precedes the adjournment of a Congress, and by 5 o'clock the building was as lively and well filled as it has been in many a day.

Organized and unorganized confusion expired peacefully with songs, good fellowship and handshaking.

It is always the unexpected that happens in the closing hours of a session. When the resolution proposing a vote of thanks to Speaker Reed for the impartial manner in which he has enforced the rules was introduced, the Democrats were in a minority of disapproval on the Democratic side.

## THE UNEXPECTED OCCURS.

It was expected that Mr. Mills, of Texas, and Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, and others who have a personal feeling against the Speaker, would take occasion to relieve their minds of the bitterness that has for many months been in store. Instead of this, however, more than a quiet opposition upon the Democratic side, when Major McKinley, of Ohio, offered the resolution, Mr. Mills simply demanded the yeas and nays.

Just before the resolution was sent to the clerk's desk to be read, the House was in a furor of confusion. Half the members were upon their feet, and the other half were shouting. The voice of the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means attracted their attention, however, and there was immediately a cessation of the shouting. A number of voices arose on the Democratic side and everyone expected to see a dozen or more of the untried band waving their arms and shouting and denouncing the Speaker.

Mr. Mills simply waved his hand and his followers closed their mouths. There was a painful silence, broken by the only voice that was heard. "Upon that question I demand the yeas and nays." The roll call was long and tedious, but during it there was comparative quiet. When the result was announced, it was found that the resolution had passed by a majority of 36 the Republicans arose as one man and gave evidence of their relief by continued applause.

Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, who was in the Chair, attempted to restore order, but the galleries lent their assistance and made the din almost deafening for a while.

## NOT SO UNUSUAL.

It was not a very unusual proceeding for the Democrats to oppose this resolution. Two Speakers have failed to get a vote of thanks, while thirteen, including Mr. Polk, who was good enough to accept the resolution, have been so honored.

Speaker Reed did not appear upon the floor until about fifteen or twenty minutes after the resolution had been adopted. His appearance there was the signal for an ovation, which undoubtedly far exceeded that ever given to another Speaker. Every Republican stood up and first applauded for thirty seconds, then there were shouts, and about one hundred Republican members seized upon the Speaker, and threw their arms around his neck, and some of them kissed him. The Speaker permitted the ovation to continue till the concourse of people was tired of it. He was undoubtedly in a humor to let the Democrats see what the majority thought of him.

Then when he announced the termination of the House the Republicans, led by Mr. Kerr, of Iowa, and Mr. Coleman, of Louisiana, began singing "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching." The song was taken up in the galleries and recited and sung with enthusiasm, but rallying began a counter movement with the doxology.

stars on the two sides of the House. Finally the correspondents sang "Home, Sweet Home."

In this song the Republicans and Democrats joined lustily, and some minutes the scene rivalled that of a Methodist camp meeting.

## A LITTLE LOVE FEAST.

The Democrats across the aisle intermingled with the Republicans and shook the hands of every person on the floor and in the galleries stood up.

Speaker Reed in the chair viewed the scene with a broad smile of amusement. He was the center of attraction, and a crowd of visitors was in the corridors and forced the galleries to their utmost capacity but there were no demonstrations of enthusiasm except that shown to Speaker Reed.

A few blends in legislation occurred, but the only notable one was in connection with the Agricultural Appropriation bill, which was passed by a vote of 150,000 for the relief of the drought sufferers in Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakota and other Western States.

It was reported in both Houses, but the Speaker, Mr. Reed, was not present at the decision and in their hurry left it to a Chairman Fulton, who was at the head of the conferees for the House, asked to have the error corrected by the House, which was done.

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every three years instead of five years, the conference report on the bill for the reorganization of the artillery and infantry forces of the army was reported and agreed to, and at 6:15 the Senate took a recess till 9 a. m.

The Senate resumed its session at 9 o'clock with Vice President Morton in the chair.

A further conference report on the Deficiency bill was presented and read. Mr. Stewart complained bitterly of the action of the conferees in rejecting the amendments to reimburse the States of California, Oregon and Nevada for expenses incurred in suppressing the rebellion, claims for which were eventually included in the bill.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds a committee of two Senators was appointed to join a like committee on the part of the House, and the President and Mr. Reed were called upon to deliver addresses.

Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Gorman were appointed on the part of the Senate to the committee on the Deficiency bill, which was unanimously agreed to, tendering the thanks of Congress to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified and able manner in which he presided over the deliberation of the Senate.

At half past 11 Mr. McPherson, the clerk of the House, announced that the Deficiency bill formally signed by the Speaker and it was immediately signed by the Vice President and carried to the President, who, in company with members of his cabinet, was occupying his room adjoining.

Mr. Edmunds reported that the committee appointed to wait upon the President in connection with the Deficiency bill, and had informed him that the two houses had concluded their business and were ready to adjourn, and that the President had agreed to adjourn at 12 noon.

When the clock pointed to within three minutes of noon, Vice President Morton arose and made his farewell speech.

He said: "I am admonished by the deal that the life of the Fifty-first Congress is ended, and that the hour of separation and farewell has again arrived. I am glad to be made up and has gone into history."

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some respects unparalleled in a hundred years, the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress will go down to posterity as the last Congress of a country, and its works will follow it.

"What we have done is in a large measure political. Whatever political rouses the sternest, the most turbulent the most unforbearing passions of the human race. Political action can never be taken without the aid of the sword. Time and distance are needed for a ripe judgment, and the verdict of history is the only verdict worth recording."

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direct tax bill, which provides for refunding the war tax. This bill became law in the Fifty-first Congress on account of a long and weary dead-lock.

Going Hunting and Fishing. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The President and a few friends will leave here Saturday for a few days hunting and fishing in the city of Benjes, Md.

## PAKESBURG POINTS.

Chemical Works Sold—Brilliant Wedding. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

PAKESBURG, W. Va., March 4.—The Bathhouse Acid Works, of this city, was sold today to the Grasselli Chemical Company, of Cleveland. The purchasers will take possession to-morrow. The works have been running over twenty years, and under the present management for the past seven years. It has been a most successful plant, and it is a pity that it should be sold to a foreign company.

A very pleasant social affair to-night was the wedding of Miss Allen, the daughter of Mayor Gibbons. A reception was held after the ceremony.

Word was received here to-night that Governor Fleming will to-morrow veto the bill for the extension of the railroad. It has thrown the town into considerable excitement and a meeting will probably be called to see what can be done to prevent the veto.

A professional diver went to the water works pumping station and made an excavation of the well. The diver found the sand and levee packed solid around the suction pipes three feet deep.

A stockholders' meeting of the Park and River Road Company was held to-day. The company last night reduced the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

## Prominent Man Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

BARNESVILLE, O., March 4.—J. R. Ball, prominent business man, well known in Eastern Ohio, and West Virginia, died at his home here of jaundice to-day, sixty-five years old.

## REIGN OF TERROR.

At Carbon Hill, Ala.—Depredations by the Gang.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 4.—An alarming state exists at Carbon Hill, Warren county, the scene of the recent riots. Members of the gang who started the trouble with the miners last month secreted themselves in bushes near town every night and fire into the passengers of the depot was fired into, and the miners were killed.

The majority, however, will carry over a few days to dispose of an accumulation of department and other official business. Ex-Representative Atkinson will remain until Friday. He will then go to Washington to attend to his duties.

IN A BAD FIX. The Big Steamer Guiding Star Hard Ground and Braking in Two.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—The Guiding Star, the monster New Orleans steamer, is hard ground here entire length and half keeled over at Mill Creek. Yesterday two big steamers, a pair of tugs and two railroad locomotives tried to pull her off, but only succeeded in snapping her log chains in two, pulling out one of the stern posts and tearing off a lot of railing. The boat is in a fair way to break in two and so become a total loss. She was valued at \$50,000 and insured for \$20,000.

## A Permit to Cremate Human Bodies.

Pittsburgh, March 4.—The remarkable secrecy observed during the cremation of Emma Abbott, two weeks ago, has caused a change in Pittsburgh city regulations. It has been decided a dangerous privilege to cremate secretly, and henceforth all bodies must be cremated in the presence of a coroner or a public health officer.

A Jentons Drunkard's Deed. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 4.—At Horse Creek mines, in Walker county, yesterday Dr. W. J. Matthews shot his wife five times, killing her instantly. He has for some time thought that his wife was unfaithful to him, and he was waiting for an opportunity to kill her.

The Eleventh District Mineral Convention. TERRE HAUTE, IND., March 4.—The first annual convention of United Mine Workers of the Eleventh district, is in session in this city with thirty delegates present, representing 70,000 miners in this State and 1,200 in Kentucky. John C. Bunker, of this city, was elected president.

Students Commemorate. CINCINNATI, O., March 4